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Reply to Office Action dated
November 2, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In view of the amendments made to the claims, and in view of the following remarks, entry of this amendment/response after final and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

In the final Office Action issued in this case, claims 1-94, 97 and 98 have been allowed. Claim 95 is the only claim which stands rejected based on prior art. In addition, claim 96 has been indicated to be withdrawn from consideration.

With respect to the rejection of claim 95, although the Applicant does not necessarily agree with the positions taken by the Examiner, it is proposed to cancel claim 95 in accordance with this amendment/response.

With respect to claim 96, please note that this claim was made the subject of a restriction requirement mailed March 23, 2005. The claim was grouped with claims 11-93. More specifically, the Examiner initially held that claim groupings 1-8 and 94; 9, 10 and 95; and 11-93 and 96 were directed to different species of the invention. In response to the restriction requirement, the Applicant pointed out that these claims do not set forth distinct species as the claimed subject matter is not identified by the figures and, most importantly, are not mutually exclusive as required by M.P.E.P. § 8.06.04(f). The Examiner has withdrawn the restriction requirement in connection with final Office Action and, in fact, has allowed claims 11-93 of group 3. However, it is believed that the Examiner inadvertently did not also allow claim 96 which set forth method limitations directly corresponding to that set forth in allowed product claim 11.

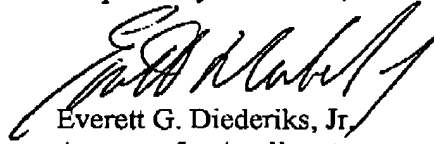
Based on the above, it is respectfully submitted that claim 96 should also be clearly allowed with claims 1-94, 97 and 98. In order to further the prosecution on the application, the Applicant has canceled claim 95 which, again, is the only claim that

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stands rejected based on prior art. Based on the above, after entry of this amendment/response after final, all the claims should be in clear condition for allowance such that passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any further questions concerning the allowance of this application, he is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below to further expedite the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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